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SUBJ: LATIN AMERICAN TRAVELS OF ICFTU OFFICIAL

BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED:

1. ENZO FRISO, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF LATIN AMERICAN RELATIONS IN THE SECRETARIAT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFEDERATION OF FREE TRADE UNIONS (ICFTU) HERE, IS LEAVING SOON ON A FOUR-WEEK VISIT OF CENTRAL AMERICA AND THE UPPER PART OF SOUTH AMERICA. HE EXPECTS TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY JUAN DEL PINO, GENERAL SECRETARY OF THE INTER-AMERICAN REGIONAL ORGANIZATION OF WORKERS (ORIT), FOR ALL OR MOST OF THE TRIP.

2. BEFORE TOUCHING DOWN IN LATIN AMERICA, HOWEVER, FRISO WILL SPEND TWO DAYS IN WASHINGTON FOR CONSULTATIONS WITH THE AFL-CIO. HE IS SCHEDULED TO ARRIVE THERE ON SEPT. 15. FRISO AND JOHN VANDERVEKEN, ICFTU ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY, SAID THAT THE PURPOSE OF THE AFL-CIO VISIT IS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION ON THE CURRENT LATIN AMERICAN LABOR SITUATION.

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3. FRISO SAID HE PLANS TO SPEND TWO DAYS IN EACH CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRY, BUT NOT MEXICO, AND ALSO VISIT CARACAS (FOR A SEMINAR), QUITO, AND BOGOTA. THE STOPS AT QUITO AND BOGOTA ARE AT THE URGENT REQUEST OF NATIONAL ICFTU AFFILIATES FACED WITH SERIOUS PROBLEMS, ACCORDING TO FRISO.
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4. WE HAVE LEARNED FROM AN ETUC SOURCE THAT A SCANDANAVIAN AFFILIATE (PROBABLY SOMEONE IN THE SWEDISH LO) HAS EXPRESSED DISAPPROVAL OVER THE INCREASING COOPERATION BETWEEN THE ICFTU AND THE AFL-CIO IN LATIN AMERICA. ASKED ABOUT THIS CRITICISM, FRISO SAID THAT HE DOES NOT LET IT AFFECT HIS WORK. EMPHASIZING THE ENORMOUS CONTRIBUTION THE AFL-CIO HAS MADE TO SUPPORTING FREE UNIONISM IN LATIN AMERICA, FRISO SAYS, "WITHOUT THE AFL-CIO WE WOULD HAVE NOTHING THERE, NOTHING." UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES HE BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT FOR THE ICFTU TO COORDINATE ITS LATIN AMERICAN POLICIES AND ACTIVITIES CLOSELY WITH THE AFL-CIO. ANY OTHER APPROACH WOULD BE FOLLY, IN HIS VIEW.MORRIS

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